



CHRISTA RAKICH AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Tuesday, February 10 | Dinner/Meeting - 6:00pm | Concert - 7:00pm



Join us for our first AGO-sponsored organ concert of the year at Christ Church Cathedral, featuring internationally acclaimed organist and composer Christa Rakich. Christa will showcase the Cathedral's two remarkable instruments performing on the Taylor & Boody organ and the Wolff organ.

Christa Rakich is a concert and recording artist who performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. She serves as Visiting Professor of Organ at Oberlin College Conservatory, where she teaches organ, clavichord, and improvisation. Her previous appointments include New England Conservatory,

Westminster Choir College, Brandeis University, the University of Connecticut, and the Memorial Church at Harvard. A Fulbright Scholar, she studied in Vienna with Anton Heiller, and her compositions are published by Oxford University Press.

A dinner will be offered prior to the concert, providing a wonderful opportunity for fellowship before the concert. Event Details below:

- Christ Church Cathedral | 125 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, 46204 | cccindy.org
- 6:00pm Dinner/Meeting: please RSVP to Nick Fennig: fennig1@gmail.com by Sunday, February 8. (A vegetarian option will be available.) Suggested \$10 donation for dinner.
- Parking: Free parking for AGO members is located in the [Express Park Garage](#) at 20 N. Pennsylvania St. (intersection of Pennsylvania and Market). **Bring your garage ticket to the event to get validated.**
- 7:00pm Concert: [Christa Rakich](#)



WHAT A WONDERFUL EPIPHANY PARTY!

Last month we gathered to celebrate Epiphany with good food, great conversation, and the kind of fellowship that makes winter feel a little warmer. From shared dishes to shared laughter, it was a joyful evening full of familiar faces and festive spirit.

A heartfelt thank you to our gracious host John Seest, for opening his home and making everyone feel so welcome. His hospitality, as always, set the tone for a relaxed and cheerful evening.

THANK YOU JOHN! Enjoy a few snapshots from the night below.



INDIANAPOLIS AGO CHAPTER OFFICERS

2025-2026 ELECTED OFFICERS

Dean: John Allegar
Sub-dean: Michael Messina
Secretary: Alan Jordan
Treasurer: Luke Kessler
Registrar: Nicholas Fennig

Members-at-large 2023-2026:
 Susan Raccoli, Dawn Waddell
Members-at-large 2024-2027:
 Matt Gerhard, Jodi Martin
Members-at-large 2025-2028:
 Jordan Lewis, Richard Perry

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Archivist: Addie Yoder
Chaplain: The Rev. Steven M. Giovangelo
Exam Coordinator: Richard Perry
Grants Committee Chair: John Seest

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Newsletter Editor: Robert Richter
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Upcoming Chapter-Sponsored Events

We are pleased to share several exciting chapter-sponsored programs coming up in 2026. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these outstanding musical offerings:

- Tuesday, February 10 | 6:00pm - Dinner/Meeting, 7:00pm Concert - Christa Rakich at Christ Church Cathedral
- Sunday, March 22 | 3:00pm - Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival at Plainfield United Methodist
- Sunday, April 19 | 4:00 p.m. - Caroline Robinson in recital at Trinity Episcopal Church
- Monday, May 11 | Hymn Festival with Daniel Schwandt at All Saints Episcopal Church

These events promise inspiring music, excellent artistry, and meaningful opportunities to gather as a chapter. More details will be shared as dates and programs are finalized. We hope to see you there!



LOCAL EVENTS



Winter/Spring 2026

January 31 Saturday at 5PM | Sphere Born

Indy's new professional choir

Before the closing of the day: A winter reflection

Reserve your FREE tickets by visiting sphereborn.org/concerts

February 22 Sunday at 4PM | Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

March 7 Saturday at 7:30PM | Choir Cabaret

The Choir and Choristers, Admission: \$50

Proceeds benefit the choir's summer pilgrimage to Dublin and Yorkminster.

March 15 Sunday at 4PM | Choral Evensong for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

April 16 Thursday at 7:30PM | The Tallis Scholars, Director Peter Phillips



<https://www.thetallisscholars.co.uk>

Admission: \$50, Sponsorships are invited.

Tickets available via QR code at left

April 19 Sunday at 4PM | Caroline Robinson, concert organist

cosponsored with the Indianapolis Chapter American Guild of Organists

May 3 Sunday at 4PM | Choral Evensong for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Festival Worship

Ash Wednesday, February 18: 7 pm

Palm Sunday, March 29: 10:15 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2: 7 pm

Good Friday, April 3 Liturgy of the Day: 12 pm

Easter Eve, April 4 The Great Vigil of Easter: 7 pm

Easter Day, April 5: 9 & 11 am

MUSIC AT TRINITY

Diverse, creative, and widely recognized for excellence

The Rev'd Dr Bradley Pace, Rector

Dr Michael Messina, Director of Music

Clare Hopp, Assistant Organist



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | 3243 N Meridian Street | Indianapolis, Indiana 46208 | (317) 926-1346 | trinitychurchindy.org

(click image above for more information)



The Jacobs School of Music Organ Department invites you to attend our upcoming Organ Weekends, offered free of charge and featuring performances, lectures and masterclasses by distinguished members of our faculty, including Professor Dr. Ludger Lohmann, internationally acclaimed performing artist, teacher, and author, and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Organ for the 2025–2027 academic years.



Back to BACH
November 14–16, 2025

Before BACH
February 13–15, 2026
(Audition Weekend)

Organ Faculty



Jesse Eschbach



Janette Fishell



David Schrader



Jeffrey Smith

(click image above for more information)

OPEN POSITIONS

INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR

St. John's Episcopal Church | stjohns-laf.org

600 Ferry Street, Lafayette IN 47901

St. John's -Lafayette, IN is hiring an Interim Music Director. The Interim Music Director will serve as the principal musician of the parish during the interim period, providing musical leadership for Sunday worship and major liturgical observances. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

[Click here](#) for more information. Please submit resumé and performance samples (links or files) to interimrector@stjohns-laf.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY LEADER

Northwood Christian Church | indyncc.org

4550 Central Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46205

(317) 283-1352

Northwood Christian Church has a long and strong history of quality music in worship and community. We are seeking a musical leader who can help us renew our music ministry in a new era. The Music Ministry Leader will be a member of the Northwood Christian Church staff. This person is to work with the pastor, staff and congregational leadership to enrich congregational worship and to help reach out to the community. [For more information - click here](#)

ORGANIST

Bradley United Methodist Church | bradleyumc.org

210 W. Main Street, Greenfield, Indiana 46140

(317) 462-2662

As a member of the Worship Team, this position will bring excellent organ skills, experience in hymn playing, and strong piano skills in playing solo repertoire and accompaniment for our worship service. [For more information - click here](#)

CHURCH ORGANIST

Irvington Presbyterian Church | irvpresby.org

55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

(317) 356-7225

Irvington Presbyterian Church (IPC) is called to be an inclusive church that lives by faith, is known by God's love, and gives hope a voice in our neighborhood and world. IPC prides itself in being a steadfast member of the historic and historically-artistic neighborhood of Irvington on the East side of Indianapolis, and IPC's music department has been an integral part of contributing to and participating in the life of its community. The Church Organist is a fundamental participant in embodying the ministry of music making that our members, neighbors, musicians, and community have come to know as IPC's primary artistic expression. The Organist will present to the congregation various genres of music, primarily the organ and piano, as well as play a major role in assisting the Director of Music in developing IPC's musical programming and education for all ages. IPC's Organists have historically been accomplished musicians who appreciate and support the theological beliefs of Presbyterianism as an expression of the Reformed faith, exhibit enthusiasm and energy in promoting the music ministry of the church, and provide creative investment and development of the musical "voice" of the congregation in a way that compliments and supports the work of their colleagues. [For more information - click here](#)

Interested applicants should send their resume to Doug Shafer-Johnson:

dshafer-johnson@irvpresby.org



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Fanfare is the monthly newsletter publication of the Indianapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The deadline for submissions for the next edition - February 2026 - are due by **Wednesday, February 25, 2026.**

Please email news, articles, photos, **upcoming events**, or reports to the editor, Robert Richter: indyagofanfare@gmail.com

